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Clifton Bruce Davidson, Jr. Indicted on Bank Robbery, Firearms Charges

Rock Island, IL - Rodger A. Heaton, United States Attorney for the Central District of Illinois, announced that a federal grand jury has returned an indictment against a Holland, Michigan man in connection with three bank robberies in central Illinois. Clifton Bruce Davidson, Jr., age 41, was indicted for one count of armed bank robbery, one count of brandishing a firearm during a bank robbery, and two additional bank robbery counts.

The indictment alleges that on June 16, 2005, Davidson robbed the National City Bank at 4575 16th Street in Moline, Illinois, of \$17,933. The criminal complaint previously filed against Davidson in the Central District of Illinois alleges that when the National City teller asked the robber whether the robbery was a joke, the robber pulled out a silver handgun and showed it to the teller. The criminal complaint further alleges that a bank customer followed the robber out of the bank and obtained the license plate number of the vehicle the robber drove away from the bank, which investigators determined was registered to the defendant, Clifton Bruce Davidson. The indictment also alleges that Davidson brandished a handgun during the June 16, 2005, robbery of the National City Bank in Moline.

The indictment further alleges Davidson robbed the First Midwest Bank at 2806 N. Vermilion, in Danville, Illinois, of \$7,249, on June 15, 2004, and that on January 13, 2005, he robbed the Commerce Bank at 1500 College Avenue in Normal, Illinois, of \$3,312.

Davidson was arrested in Phoenix, Arizona, on January 31, 2006, by the Phoenix Police Department.

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According to a February 1, 2006 press release issued by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Davidson, a former attorney and police officer, was wanted on additional federal arrest warrants in connection with the following bank robberies:

3/9/2004	Bank of Kentucky, KY
8/31/2004	Union Planters Bank, Fenton, MO
9/10/2004	BancorpSouth, Jackson, TN
9/22/04	Southern Commercial Bank, St. Louis, MO
11/12/2004	Arundel Federal Savings Bank, Annapolis, MD
4/13/2005	Farmers Bank and Trust, Georgetown, KY
4/29/2005	Traditional Bank, Lexington, KY

The charges in the Central District of Illinois are the result of investigations by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Moline Police Department, the Danville Police Department, the Normal Police Department, and the Phoenix, Arizona Police Department. The case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney John K. Mehochko.

If convicted of count one, the Moline armed bank robbery, Davidson faces a maximum statutory penalty of 25 years imprisonment and a \$250,000 fine. If convicted of brandishing a firearm during the Moline robbery, Davidson faces a statutory mandatory minimum penalty of seven years in prison up to a maximum of life in prison, and a \$250,000 fine. If convicted of counts three and four, the Danville and Normal, Illinois bank robberies, Davidson faces a maximum statutory penalty, per count, of 20 years imprisonment and a \$250,000 fine.

Members of the public are reminded that an indictment is merely an accusation; the defendant is presumed innocent unless proven guilty.

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